

**Remarks**

Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10, 11 and 15-19 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10, 11 and 15-19 are rejected. All rejections and objections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 3 and 5-6 objected to because of the following informalities: Claims 3 and 5-6 depend from a cancelled claim.. Appropriate correction is required.

Claims 3 and 5-6 are amended to depend on claim 1.

Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10-11, and 14-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as not falling within one of the four statutory categories of invention.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should further questions arise concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the number listed below. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account 50-0749.

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